

DURHAM CEMETERY COMPANY
MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2006

President Barbara Olsen, at 7:30pm at the Durham Town Hall, called the meeting to order.

Officers and Directors Present: Barbara Olsen, Richard Olsen, Peg Atwell, Bob Atwell, Laura Francis, Tom Palmieri, Doug Harmon, Anne Shephardson, Lew Hinman, Hugh Curley, Art Bielefield, Dolores Caturano

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the minutes of 5-3-06. A motion was made, seconded and approved with a unanimous vote.

Sexton's Report: There was one burial, one cremation and two lots sold at Mica Hill Cemetery. All cemeteries have been mowed and maintained during the summer months. Steven Skultety, from Bascom and Benjamin, has marked the boundaries at Mica Hill. Ken Jay will clear, grade and seed the area for Block 7 in the next few weeks. Before the area is seeded, Steven Skultety and Ken Jay will place the lot pins.

Barbara Olsen reported that a volunteer has trimmed the vines around the rhododendron bushes at Mica Hill and cut back the branches around the tree line. Peg Atwell requested that the white spruce and cedars trees at the Center Cemetery be pruned.

A motion to accept the Sexton's report was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Palmieri submitted a full-year report. Expenses are under-budget for the year because no major, unbudgeted projects were done this year. Investments stayed level. As soon as the stock from ATMI and Zygo get close to purchase price, they will be sold. Hartford Life and Public Storage were called in. Tom will invest the income with other dividend income producing stock. A British company will buy Keyspan in 2007 at which time we will get a cash dividend. The proceeds will be reinvested. Tom met with Dick Gibbons, Financial Advisor. They decided to keep Fidelity Magellan.

Hugh Curley asked that our cash position be included in the treasurer's report. Tom agreed and reported that he will meet with Dick Gibbons on September 25. At that meeting, they will discuss the cash account and determine whether or not to increase investments. Merrill Lynch bank has announced that fees will be charged for the checking account, perhaps up to \$300.00. Tom will try and negotiate no-fee status.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

President's Report

1. Town Hall Building Project – Barbara Olsen announced that a garden will be planted on the south side of the town hall facing the cemetery. The garden will be maintained by the Garden Club. Peg and Bob Atwell asked if the waterspout was turned back on. Laura will investigate. Bob also asked Ken to check the bulbs on the flagpole and the sensor that used to be on the back of the town hall.
2. Nominating Committee Appointment – Barbara Olsen appointed Hugh Curley, Laura Francis and Richard Olsen and asked for a report at the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the President's report. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Old Business

1. Planting Committee – Dolores Caturano announced that 6 spirea, 6 rosy barberry and perennials were planted at Mica Hill. She asked that a thank you card be sent to Don Bastis for his assistance with the planting. Ken Jay recommended that the cherry trees be pruned. Lew Hinman will call Family Tree Care and get an estimate. A workday is planned for September 12 at 9:30am for trimming and general maintenance. Dick Olsen recommended asking the Boy Scouts to help and offer a donation for their services.

2. Barbara Olsen called Greavers and Ward. They are still in business and are willing to plot out the remaining land at Mica Hill. They are already familiar with the cemetery. Barbara will set up an appointment with a representative of the company.

New Business

1. Peg and Bob Atwell received a quote from ConservArt LLC for the restoration of four headstones (Timothy Hill, Sarah Johnson, Capt. Sutlief and Lt. Camp/Rhoda Camp) \$6,600 and the Reverend Nathaniel Chauncey crypt \$15,900. The stones were chosen because they are still salvageable and the crypt was chosen for its historical value and unique features. Anne Shephardson disagreed. In her opinion, there are other stones with more artistic and historical value than the ones noted. She urged the committee to take another look before signing the work order.

After some discussion, Laura Francis made a motion, which was seconded by Bob Atwell to proceed with the preservation of the Chauncey crypt and to further study with Francis Miller, which stones are best to be preserved. A report shall be presented at the November meeting. The motion as passed with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Laura Francis, Secretary